Permission to Industrial Units for Importing Duty-Free Capital goods against Export Obligation

*53. SHRI N.E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to permit industrial units to import duty-free capital goods against export obligation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had allowed duty-free import of capital goods in certain sectors earlier also but the same did not yield the desired results; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative what are the considerations which weighed in favour of taking a decision as mentioned in part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) As per available information with Department of Revenue, the Government has not permitted duty-free import to capital goods against export obligation to the units located in the Domestic Tariff Area.

(d) The question does not arise.

'Lehar Pepsi' as Pepsi Brand name

*54. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the *Times of India* of 8th April, 1990 to the effect that Pepsi Foods are being allowed to use the name 'Lehar Pepsi';

(b) if so, whether 'Lehar Pepsi' is a brand name;

(c) whether it would become an Indian brand name by usage; and

(d) whether it would be registered as a brand name owned by M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited, Chandigarh?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). After considering all aspects of the matter, Government decided that the brand name to be used shall be a hybrid with 'Pepsi' as suffix. Discussions were held with representatives of M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited and thereafter it was decided that 'Lehar' could be used as prefix to the name 'Pepsi', '7 Up' and 'Mirinda'.

M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited have intimated that they have applied for the registration of 'Lehar' trade mark with the Registrar of Trade Marks.

Setting up of a National Irrigation Finance Corporation

*55. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) wheather Government propose to establish a National Irrigation Finance Corporation to finance execution of irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). There has been a proposal for setting up of an